

Proclamation

WHEREAS, significant weather events in June began with mild temperatures and significant rains which saturated the ground thoroughly, and which have created dangerous conditions and damage that has affected the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Adams, Ashland, Ashtabula, Athens, Belmont, Brown, Butler, Carroll, Clermont, Clinton, Columbiana, Coshocton, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Delaware, Erie, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Gallia, Geauga, Greene, Guernsey, Hamilton, Harrison, Highland, Hocking, Holmes, Huron, Jackson, Jefferson, Knox, Lake, Lawrence, Licking, Lorain, Madison, Mahoning, Marion, Medina, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Morrow, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Pickaway, Pike, Portage, Preble, Richland, Ross, Scioto, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, Union, Vinton, Warren, Washington, and Wayne Counties; and

WHEREAS, the continued heavy rains on top of the saturated ground and flash flooding resulted in significant damage to the Federal Aid Highway System, repairs will be made only to these said highways and the necessary repairs cannot be wholly accomplished by the Ohio Department of Transportation ("ODOT") maintenance forces; and

WHEREAS, to recover related expenses from the Federal Emergency Relief Program pursuant to 23 CFR 668 for the repair of the Federal Aid Highway System; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public safety and convenience, it is proposed to perform repairs by contract method or by ODOT maintenance forces where appropriate, and that only the ODOT can enter into these contracts in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration. Any damage claims to the Federal Aid Highway System must be made through the Ohio Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, using these methods, the work can be completed in a minimal amount of time. To the extent possible, this work commenced on June 18, 2019, which will be the beginning of the Federal funding time period.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike DeWine, Governor of the State of Ohio, do declare an emergency in Adams, Ashland, Ashtabula, Athens, Belmont, Brown, Butler, Carroll, Clermont, Clinton, Columbiana, Coshocton, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Delaware, Erie, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Gallia, Geauga, Greene, Guernsey, Hamilton, Harrison, Highland, Hocking, Holmes, Huron, Jackson, Jefferson, Knox, Lake, Lawrence, Licking, Lorain, Madison, Mahoning, Marion, Medina, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Morrow, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Pickaway, Pike, Portage, Preble, Richland, Ross, Scioto, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, Union, Vinton, Warren, Washington, and Wayne Counties, and do authorize Jack Marchbanks, Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation to proceed forth with the necessary corrective work in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name at Columbus, Ohio, on the 26 day of 1047, 2019.

Mike DeWine Governor, State of Ohio